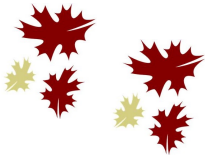


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COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

The City has four candidates running for two open council positions on the November ballot. Below is some information on our candidates.



JEFF REINAN - I was born in Portland and raised with two older brothers and three younger sisters. My father was a truck driver and my mother was a homemaker. We had a loving Christian based atmosphere in our home. We moved to Scappoose when I was young. I was active in various school activities including sports.

Upon graduation I moved to Monmouth and attended Oregon College of Education. After three years of study I had no idea what I wanted to do, so I quit school and became involved in construction. I joined a couple of unions and was self-employed for a period of time. I was married in 1980 to a wonderful wife, and have been happily married for 40 years. We have raised three beautiful children, a son and two daughters. We are very involved at Yankton Community Fellowship. I retired from the carpenters union and we are enjoying retirement and staying connected to our family. I am playing a lot of golf. I can't say I'm improving, but I am having fun.

I am running for the council position as I am thinking of ways to get involved in the community I live in. The City has given a lot to me and I am trying to give back. Thank you for your consideration. ~ Jeff Reinan

FRANK HUPP - Why would I decide to run for a Columbia City council position? I believe that when anyone lives in a community they owe it to their community to support it and to serve it when the opportunity arises. - That is why!

I have served on the Columbia City Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee for over 10 years. I worked for Columbia County Emergency Management for 13 months after the Vernonia flood as the Public Assistance Coordinator. I edited the Columbia County

Hazard Mitigation Plan and the County Debris Management plan using my experience from working in Florida after Hurricanes Frances, Charley and Jeannie and from working in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina.

I retired from the US Air Force over 50 years ago. I am a lifetime member of the Air Force Sergeants Association, lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans, American Legion Member for 35 years, retired from the Army Corps of Engineers, past president of Columbia County Chapter of Oregon Hunters Association, Distinguished Toastmaster with 24 years as a Toastmaster, taught Toastmasters Youth Leadership at Scappoose High School for 8 years and a Bible study teacher.

I am asking for your support and your vote. ~ Frank E. Hupp, DTM

LYLE BLUHM - I am a Senior Application Engineer for Seco Tools Inc. I am an accomplished sales professional with a background in metal cutting applications. I enjoy using my skills to engineer, educate and train my customers in the latest metal working trends.

I was born and raised in Chehalis, Washington. I joined the US Navy out of high school, where I served for four and a half years as a Machinery Repairman. After the service I moved to Scappoose for a few years and then in 1996 I moved to Columbia City.

I am currently serving my second 4 year commitment on the Budget committee for Columbia City.

My goal is to be elected to the Columbia City Council. I am looking forward to working with the other council members to make this our City. Columbia City is a small bedroom community with a great small town feel with neighbors looking out for neighbors. I want to make a small contribution by representing the voice of the people on our City Council. Thank You. ~ Lyle Bluhm

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COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES – Cont.

KATRINA CLARIDGE - Is the fourth Columbia City resident running for one of the two open City Council positions. She was raised in Columbia City, is a graduate of St Helens High School, works for InRoads Credit Union and has no prior government experience.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT

The Columbia County Transfer Station will hold a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on **Saturday, October 24, 2020 from 8 am to 2 pm.**

NOTE: Extra safety measures will be in place. Please be patient, unloading may take a few extra minutes. We ask that you have all your household hazardous waste in the bed of your truck or the trunk of your car, not the passenger compartment. Please remain in your vehicle. Trained household hazardous waste technicians will unload the materials.

The following hazardous waste materials are accepted during the event:

- ✓ Pool and spa chemicals
- ✓ Lawn/garden chemicals-fertilizers
- ✓ Pesticides/herbicides
- ✓ Light ballasts-*please remove from light fixture*
- ✓ Fluorescent tubes
- ✓ Art/hobby chemicals
- ✓ Solvents/thinners
- ✓ Batteries-car, rechargeable & button (no alkaline batteries)
- ✓ Gasoline/diesel/fuels
- ✓ Cleaners/detergents
- ✓ Poisons
- ✓ Fireworks/flammables
- ✓ Ammunition
- ✓ Items containing mercury
- ✓ Propane cylinders
- ✓ Compressed gas cylinders
- ✓ Antifreeze



Bring product in its original container and it must be in containers of less than five gallons. Secure your loads for safe transport.

Although automotive batteries, antifreeze and fluorescent tubes will be collected at no cost during this collection event, a fee is charged when brought to the Transfer Station at other times.



The following are accepted during the event and at the Transfer Station anytime, Monday through Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm:

- ✓ Unwanted paint
- ✓ Used motor oil
- ✓ Used cooking oil
- ✓ Medical sharps - *must be in sealed, self-closing, puncture-proof OSHA approved containers (available at local pharmacies, at the Transfer Station scale house, or Walmart)*

Please check the Columbia County website for further updates

<http://www.co.columbia.or.us/HazardousWaste>

The St. Helens Police Department accepts expired, unused or unwanted medication at 150 S 13th St. in St. Helens Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. or 1 - 5 p.m. in the MedReturn collection box.



CURBSIDE YARD DEBRIS EXTRA NOVEMBER COLLECTIONS

Don't forget!! Hudson Garbage Service will provide weekly curbside yard debris collections for subscribed Columbia City customers during the month of November. Yard debris service is provided on an every-other-week basis during the remaining 11 months of the year. Yard debris collection service is provided on the same weekday as the customer's regular garbage collection service. Interested citizens may subscribe for the yard debris service for a minimum period of one year by contacting Hudson Garbage Service at (503) 397-1534.

CAPLES HOUSE MUSEUM OPEN WITH COVID-19 GUIDELINES

The Caples House Museum is now open Saturdays, 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Masks will be required to visit the museums and guests will need to practice 6-ft distancing. Tour group size will be limited. Please call (503) 397-5390 if you have any questions.

BURN PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR OPEN BURNING PERIOD FOR YARD DEBRIS

By ordinance, Columbia City's burn period is scheduled to begin **Saturday, November 7, and end Sunday, November 15.** This would potentially only offer 8 available burning days. At the October City Council meeting the Council will consider extending the burning period to Sunday, November 22. Check November's newsletter to confirm if Council approved that extension.

SERGEANTS CORNER

Shop with a Cop. Columbia City Police Department will now be accepting nominations for the annual "Shop with a Cop" event. If you know of a local family you would like to nominate please complete the nomination form, included in this newsletter and mail it to the address listed on the form or drop it off at City Hall. We do accept donated funds to support the event as well.



The following is a summary of the Police Department Activity for the month of September: 6 animal complaints, 1 assist person, 1 agency assist, 1 traffic crash, 1 fraud, 2 civil complaints, 2 domestic calls, 4 follow up investigations, 1 suspicious circumstance, 1 suspicious person, 2 disturbances, 3 suspicious vehicles, 1 welfare check, 7 traffic stops and 12 premise checks. Over all there were 83 activities for the month of September.

The Police Department would like to request your continued support in being our eyes and ears in the community. Please feel free to contact us via 9-1-1 (emergency), (503) 397-4010 (office), or (503) 397-1521 (non-emergency dispatch).

Best regards ~ Sergeant Jerry Bartolomucci

SCHOOL BENCH EARNED PLASTIC COLLECTION TO CONTINUE

In March we let you know about the Columbia City Grade School collecting certain plastics to earn a new bench, which they did! There was such a great response from our residents we are going to continue plastic collection for the Lion's club, who volunteers to rebag, weigh, and deliver it to a retailer. Here's a reminder as to what items are acceptable: #2 and #4 plastic bags-**NOT** rigid plastic containers. Since most bags aren't marked, a good rule of thumb is if there's some stretch, it's probably acceptable. If there's no stretch and it sounds "crinkly", it's not acceptable. The 'Ziploc type' bags bought for storage are acceptable, but **NOT** 'Ziploc type' bags that salad, meat, cheese, snacks, dog treats, etc. come in. Ice bags, pellet bags, wrap from toilet paper and water, bubble wrap, and shrink wrap from around a pallet are also appropriate. As you can imagine handling other's garbage is not fun, so when in doubt, leave it out. Most importantly, everything must be **CLEAN** and **DRY**.

Trex is the company that makes and donates the benches. They encourage recycling and one of the requirements to receive the bench is collecting 500 pounds of plastic in six months. That's about 40,500 plastic bags! Thank you for helping the school earn their bench! If you know a non-profit organization that would be interested in a bench, please contact our office at 503-397-4010.

PLANNING NEWS – PUBLIC HEARINGS

On Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. the Columbia City Planning Commission will be holding two public hearings through Zoom.

One of the hearings is for a variance to setback requirements for an accessory structure located at 425 C Street.

The second hearing is regarding proposed changes to the Columbia City Development Code. Changes include refinement to the permitting and review process for modifications to existing boat ramps and docks as well as the full incorporation of the Oregon Model Flood Code.

Interested persons are invited to attend the public hearings and present oral and written testimony regarding the application. If you would like to comment but cannot participated in the hearing, you may submit your comments in writing to City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing.

For more information about either hearing or for Zoom meeting access contact City Hall at 503-397-4010.

CHANGES TO BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS

The City recently converted to ePermitting through the State of Oregon. ePermitting is easy to use! If you are a contractor, permits can be pulled online through the State's ePermitting website by following this link: www.BuildingPermits.Oregon.Gov. Electronic plan review is **not** being provided at this time by the City, so please continue to submit hard copies of plans to City Hall.

When you register and provide login information, you will be able to purchase permits, in many cases print a Building Permit to post at the job site, schedule inspections, pay fees, track permit status/progress and manage your permit records all online 24/7.

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CHANGES TO BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS - Cont.

Existing issued permits that have not been finalized are also in the system. The permit number will now be preceded with 191-xxxx. In order to look up records by permit #, it helps to know this. Also an assigned IVR number is in the Description of Work field on all converted records.

Inspections can be scheduled several ways; online, by calling IVR, texting IVR, or with an app you can download to your smartphone. For IVR or Text dial 888-299-2821. You will need the provided IVR tracking number and the inspection code for the inspection you wish to schedule. There is an Inspection Code brochure available online at ePermitting or on our website: www.columbia-city.org.



For more information go to the State's ePermitting website or contact City Hall at 503-397-4010.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR - CATHY LUNDBERG 17 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

The first time I remember helping in a library was in 6th or 7th grade, shelving books at my middle school in Brookings, SD.

I started working in the South Dakota State University library as I was getting my degree in Electrical Engineering. I spent four years working at just about every job there was. I did circulation, shelving, inventory, bindery, reference, and was even in charge of interlibrary loans for a summer. After I got my degree (and a minor in English), I went to work for Intel in Hillsboro. I retired from Intel in 1993, when my oldest daughter was 9 months old. I volunteered at the Hillsboro library for several years.

Once we moved to Deer Island I started volunteering at the Columbia City school library in 1998. I shelved, cataloged books, and started trying to get more Caldecott and Newbery award winners into the library. When the effort began to start our community library, I attended the meetings. I helped catalog books, helped with book sales, helped sort books and helped rearrange the library. Once the Community Library opened, I volunteered once a week.

I think consistency is critical in any business, and try to make sure the library is always open when we say

it will be. That goes for meetings too, I almost never miss a Friends of the Library meeting. There were a number of meetings early on where I was the only one there! That may be why I volunteered to be President of Friends of the Library in 2001.

We started the Columbia City Community Library because there were no library services available to people living outside the city limits of St. Helens, Scappoose, and Rainier without paying a fee. Many of the families with children in the Columbia City School lived in the outlying area. They were enthusiastic about having a library and donated many books to get us started. The community has continued to support us with books, money and volunteers, as well as using the library.

My favorite part of the job is choosing books to add to the library. I try to get award winners so that the books we have will be the most interesting we can fit on the shelves. What is on the shelves is heavily influenced by what our community is reading, since all books that are donated are evaluated to see if we can use them.

I have been responsible for arranging the library in the last two locations so that it makes sense and fits the maximum number of books. Space planning appeals to my engineering side!

I probably read mysteries more than anything else, but also like science fiction, non-fiction (especially science), and read romances while I walk. I read about 130 books last year, but still can't keep up with what's in the library! I read hard cover and paperback books, but I don't have an e-reader.

MEMORIAL BENCH – ALICE BARCHUS

Alice T. Miller Barchus, age 100, passed away on Monday, August 3, 2020. In honor of her many years as an active resident in the Columbia City Community her family donated a memorial bench and it was placed in front of City Hall near our rose garden.



Alice's son Robert Barchus is pictured here with the new memorial bench.

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MEMORIAL BENCH – ALICE BARCHUS - *Cont.*

She and her husband lived in Columbia City beginning in 1946 and raised their kids here.

Alice was very active in her community, involved in clubs, school, the historical society, her church and volunteered for many activities involving Columbia City. She has a lot of friends and family and was always willing to help whenever and wherever needed.



Left: Engraved plaque on the memorial bench. Right: Alice Barchus.

LIBRARY NEWS

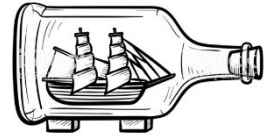
We are no longer requiring appointments to use the library. We will continue to require masks and will limit how many people are in the library. If you don't want to come inside the library we can do curbside delivery. Call us at 503-366-8020 during open hours to arrange for curbside delivery.

We regret the omission in our history of one of the vital events which make the City Celebration so successful. The Silent Auction has been a part of the festivities for many years and one of our larger fundraisers, relying on the support of our community businesses and citizens.

Hearts. The hearts that have been in our parks are moving into the library. Many of them were painted by Teresa Knight, president of the Columbia Arts Guild, along with other artists from the Guild and members of the community. Special thanks to Cole & Sophie

Martinson, the key organizers of the project and Madison Brumbaugh for painting the first heart. Everyone did a beautiful job! They will be hanging in the library during October, and will be available to purchase via silent auction. The library will notify silent auction winners beginning November 2.

Art Exhibit in the Library. The artist of the month for October is Chip Gardes with a display of his model ships in bottles. Several of his pieces have been featured internationally in the magazines "Bottle Ship" (Europe) and "The Bottle Shipwright" (USA). Looking for a new hobby during the pandemic? Come and get inspired.



Book Inventory. Our library contains 2600 books for reading to your children, 1750 books for grade school aged children, 580 books for young adults, 1100 nonfiction books for children, 1060 videos, 430 audiobooks, 4100 fiction books for adults, 2600 nonfiction books, and 160 large print books. Surely there must be something you'd like to read!

Friends of the Library (FOL): Our FOL group administers the Library, purchases books, pays the utility bills and in general makes sure you have a Library. Please support us with your membership by completing and returning the form included in this newsletter.

This year more than ever, the FOL could use your Membership. The City Celebration is the Library's biggest fundraiser and because of COVID-19 it was cancelled this year. Thank you for your continued assistance, it is much appreciated.

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Browse our book catalog:

<https://columbiacitycommunitylibrary.follettdestiny.com>

OCTOBER 2020 MEETING AND EVENT CALENDAR

October 15 th	6:00 PM	City Council Meeting via Conference Call*
October 20 th	6:30 PM	Planning Commission Meeting via Zoom*

Be a Friend!

Friends of the Columbia City Community Library

A 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Annual Dues: \$25.00

Please make checks payable to:

**Friends of the Library
PO Box 189, Columbia City, OR 97018
Return to: The Library or City Hall**



Additional Donation Enclosed: \$25___ \$50___ \$100___ Other___ Yes, please send me a donation receipt

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Nomination Form

It is time once again for the Columbia City Police Department's "Shop with a Cop" Program. This is our twelfth year hosting this worthwhile endeavor within our city and we need your help! For those that are interested, we need assistance in selecting a needy family within the Columbia City community. Our goal is to provide warm clothing, winter necessities, and Christmas wish list items for the nominated family. Please take the time by filling out the information below if you wish to nominate someone who you know could use some assistance during the holiday season.

Thank you ~ Sergeant Jerry Bartolomucci

Name of Family: _____ Family Address: _____

Family Bio (please answer all that apply): ___ Father ___ Mother ___ Number of children

Reason for your nomination: _____

Return completed nomination forms to Columbia City Hall, PO Box 189, 1840 Second Street, Columbia City

Nominations will be accepted until 5 pm on Monday, November 30, 2020